



July 26, 2017
Via Overnight Delivery
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Ms. Sara J. Clark, Secretary, Commission Secretary
MA Department of Telecommunications & Cable
1000 Washington Street
Suite 820
Boston, MA 02118

RE: **Conversent Communications of Massachusetts Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business**
M.D.T.C. Tariff No. 3 (Access)

Dear Ms. Clark:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one (1) copy of the above referenced tariff filing submitted on behalf of Conversent Communications of Massachusetts Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business ("Company"). This filing incorporates the required revision to switched access rates to comply with and implement the sixth phase of the FCC's intercarrier compensation transition, Order No. 11-161. This tariff carries an effective date of July 29, 2017 to comply with the required access reductions pursuant to the FCC's Order No. 11-161. A check in the amount of \$100.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.

A copy of this filing has also been submitted via email to dtc.efiling@state.ma.us.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3001 or via email to tforte@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Thomas M. Forte

Thomas M. Forte

Consultant to Conversent Communications of Massachusetts Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business

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SECTION 1 - GENERAL REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

1.2 DEFINITIONS

ACCESS CODE - Denotes a uniform code assigned by the Company to an individual Customer. The code has the form 10XXX, 10XXXXX, 950-0XXX, or 950-1XXX.

ACCESS MINUTES - Denotes that usage of exchange facilities in intrastate service for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage.

ACCESS TANDEM - A switching system that provides a traffic concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between end offices and a Customer's premises.

ANSWER SUPERVISION - The transmission of the switch trunk equipment supervisory signal (off-hook or on-hook) to the Customer's point of termination as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

CALL - A Customer attempt for which the complete address code is provided to the service end office.

CARRIER OR COMMON CARRIER - Any individual, partnership, association, corporation or other entity engaged in intrastate communication for hire by wire or radio between two or more exchanges.

CENTRAL OFFICE - A local Company switching system where exchange service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

CHANNEL - A communications path between two or more points of termination.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM - Denotes channels and other facilities which are capable of communications between terminal equipment provided by other than the Company.

COMPANY - Conversent Communications of Massachusetts Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business.

COMMISSION - The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable

COMPANY FACILITIES (3RD PARTY TANDEM PROVIDER) – Switched Transport rates apply to terminating traffic that traverses a tandem switch that is not owned by the Company (the terminating carrier) or its affiliates.

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SECTION 1 - GENERAL REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

1.2 DEFINITIONS (Cont'd.)

UNE-P SWITCHED TRANSPORT – Service that traverses a tandem switch that is not owned by the company or its affiliates but is connected through a UNE-P configuration. (T)
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VOIP PROVIDER - For the purposes of this Tariff, any service provider, including but not limited to carriers, that originates and/or terminates traffic in Internet protocol (“IP”) format.

VOIP PROVIDER PARTNER - any VoIP Provider that uses the Company’s services to exchange traffic with the PSTN.

VOIP-PSTN TRAFFIC - traffic exchanged between the Company and a Customer in Time-Division-Multiplexing format that originates and/or terminates in IP format.

WIRE CENTER - A physical location in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of exchange services, are located.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (CONT'D.)

3.6 RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd.)

3.6.3 Switched Access Service - Office Cross-Connect

		<u>Nonrecurring Rate</u>	<u>Recurring Rate</u>
A.	DS-1	\$270.66	\$4.32
B.	DS-3	\$393.44	\$39.12

3.6.4 Switched Access Service - Multiplexing

		<u>Nonrecurring Rate</u>	<u>Recurring Rate</u>
A.	DS-3/1 [Common]	\$218.98	\$564.34
B.	DS-1 Channel on DS-3/1 Multiplexer	N/A	\$20.16

3.6.5 Switched Access Service - Trunk Port

		<u>Nonrecurring Rate</u>	<u>Recurring Rate</u>
A.	DS-1		
	Initial	\$311.99	\$288.00
	Additional	\$154.84	\$288.00

3.6.6 Switched Access Service - Usage

Originating, per minute:	\$0.003504*
Terminating, per minute:	
Company Facilities	\$0.000024 (R)
Third Party Provider (UNE-P)	\$0.000700 (R)

3.6.7 800 Data Base Access

Per Query	\$0.01
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* Rate effective July 16, 2015 in conjunction with the Company's Federal Access Services Tariff, FCC No. 7.